



Handgun Safety

Installation Rules & Regulation

- Each installation has different rules concerning personal firearms & weapons.
- State issued “concealed weapons permits” are not recognized on any Navy installation.
- Most installations prohibit having/transporting personal firearms on your person/in your car.
- Legally registered, check with PMO or the Base Provost Marshal prior to actually bringing the weapon to Base.
- Follow State laws for transporting firearms.

Rules & Regulations Con't

- Prior to bringing a firearm onboard an installation, the owner must submit a letter to the installation commanding officer via his or her unit commanding officer.
- Upon approval by the installation commanding officer, the owner will be provided a card showing proof that he or she is authorized to carry a personal firearm.
- This card must be carried by the individual transporting the firearms & surrendered if requested by naval security forces. Additionally, personnel who have firearms on board an installation are required to update their information cards annually.

Rules & Regulations Con't

- Personal firearms may only be stored in the installation's armory, & there are very specific guidelines regarding individuals convicted of criminal offenses & weapon ownership.



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Rules to live by

- Check position of safety on/off.
- If weapon has slide-lock is it engaged?
- Before beginning any handling, exchange between persons or cleaning, check to be sure of the condition of the weapon.
- Be sure the safety is on & the weapon is not loaded.





Rules to Live By

1. **ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.**

This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense will dictate the safest direction, depending on different circumstances

Rules to Live By

Don't

2. ALWAYS keep your finger strait and off the trigger until ready to fire.

When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

Do



Rules to Live By



3. **ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded on safe until ready to use.

Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action & looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition.

If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone & get help from someone who does.

Never pick up a gun with the muzzle pointed at something or someone you do not intend to shoot.



Rules to Live By

4. Know your target & what is beyond.

Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap.

Think first. Shoot second.



Alcohol/drugs & handguns



- **Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs before or while shooting.**

Alcohol, as well as any other substance likely to impair normal mental or physical bodily functions, must not be used before or while handling or shooting guns.

Children & weapons

- Stop.
- Don't touch.
- Leave the area.
- Tell an adult. Immediate



Children & Weapons



Don't ever be complacent with weapons.

Don't handle guns when you are drunk, drugged, demented or depressed.

Don't leave guns lying around where children can get them. Instead, lock guns in a child-proof, burglar-proof safe, or purchase a trigger locking device and use it, whenever it is practical to do so.

Myth Busters

- Before cleaning your gun, **make absolutely sure that it is unloaded.** The gun's action should be open during the cleaning process. Also, be sure that no ammunition is present in the cleaning area.
- **Cleaning**
Regular cleaning is important in order for your gun to operate correctly & safely. Taking proper care of it will also maintain its value & extend its life. Your gun should be cleaned every time that it is used.



Myth Busters

Again don't do anything really stupid.

- Being on the wrong end of a weapon is not funny. It could lead to involuntary fear-based reactions.
- Even pointing a gun at someone might make them hurt themselves or someone else.
- **Don't treat guns as toys.**
- **You wouldn't juggle chain-saws, or bowling balls - don't play with guns.**
- **If ever unsure, don't touch.**



Questions?

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